

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing having at least a main operation section;

a second housing having at least a display section;

wherein both of said housings are openably and closably coupled together so that said main operation section is covered with said second housing in a closed state and is exposed outside in an opened state, and said display section is exposed outside in both of the closed state and the opened state,

an auxiliary operation section comprising at least one key provided on other surface than surfaces, which are opposed to each other of said both housings in the closed state,

wherein said auxiliary operation section is inoperative at least in the opened state ~~except~~ but operative in the closed state.

2. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1,

comprising:

a state detecting section for detecting the opened/closed state of said first housing and said second housing; and

a lock control section for rendering said auxiliary operation section operative or inoperative based on a detection result from the state detecting section.

3. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 2,

wherein said auxiliary operation section is operative by said lock control section when said state detecting section detects that both of said housings are in the closed state, and

said auxiliary operation section is inoperative by said lock control section when said detecting section detects that both of said housings are in other states than the closed state.

4. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 2,

wherein said auxiliary operation section is inoperative by said lock control section when said state detecting section detects that both of said housings are in the opened state, and

said auxiliary operation section is operative by said lock control section when said state detecting section detects that both of said housings are in other states than the opened state.

5. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile radiotelephone.

6. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.

7. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing having at least a main operation section;

a second housing subjected to be superimposed on said first housing so as to cover said main operation section;

a coupling section for rotatably coupling both of said housings that relatively rotate around an axis extending in a superimposed direction of said two housings;

an auxiliary operation section comprising at least one key provided on other surface than surfaces, which are opposed to each other, of said both housings in the closed state,

wherein said at least one key is inoperative at least in a opened state ~~except~~ but operative in a closed state where the both of said housings relatively rotate 180° from the closed state.

8. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 7, comprising:

a state detecting section for detecting the opened/closed state of said first housing and said second housing; and

a lock control section for rendering said at least one key operative or inoperative based on a detection result from the state detecting section.

9. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 8,

wherein said key or said at least one key is operative by said lock control section when said state detecting section detects that both of said housings are in the closed state, and

said key or said at least one key is inoperative by said lock control section when said detecting section detects that both of said housings are in other states than the closed state.

10. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 8,

wherein said at least one key is inoperative by said lock control section when said state detecting section detects that both of said housings are in the opened state, and

said at least one key is operative by said lock control section when said state detecting section detects that both of said housings are in other states than the opened state.

11. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 7,

wherein the second housing has a display section on its surface faced in same direction as a direction of a surface having said main operation section.

12. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 7,

wherein said auxiliary operation section has a first key provided on a side surface of said first housing and a second key provided on a side surface of said second housing.

13. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 7, wherein

said portable terminal unit is a mobile radiotelephone.

14. (Original) The portable terminal unit according to claim 7, wherein

said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.